

IN THE
INDIANA TAX COURT

NO.49T10-9309-TA-70

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, <i>et al.</i> ,)
)
Petitioners,)
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v.)
)
STATE BOARD OF TAX)
COMMISSIONERS,)
)
Respondents.	

**STATE BOARD'S
SECOND MONTHLY REPORT**

This is the State Board of Tax Commissioners' second monthly report under the Court's order dated May 31, 2000, slip op. p. 8. The report explains the State Board's activities during July 2000 to implement the Court's order. An outline of these activities is included as Exhibit A, and copies of documents reflecting the State Board's work during July 2000 are also included as Exhibits B-D.

Overall Schedule

The State Board's First Monthly Report contained a proposed schedule for adopting a new assessment rule consistent with the Court's order. The Board's activities during July 2000 are in accordance with that schedule, and the State Board expects to maintain that schedule and meet the deadlines within it.

Work with Assessors

In July, the State Board sent local assessors a survey to determine what progress they have made on data collection and other matters, such as service contracts and software, relating to the reassessment. This survey is Exhibit B to this Monthly Report.

A member of the State Board spoke at the Township Assessors' Conference in July to describe the State Board's preparation for the reassessment and to answer questions about future plans.

The Governor also solicited from legislative leaders nominations for an assessor advisory committee to assist the State Board in developing the reassessment rule. The Governor's correspondence is Exhibit D to this Monthly Report.

Rule Development

During July, the State Board continued to work with outside consultants regarding development of a new assessment rule, as detailed on Exhibit A. Also during July, legislative leaders were invited to name members to an advisory board to assist the State Board in developing a new assessment rule, as shown by Exhibit D.

Training

During July the State Board has continued to develop training materials for assessors, and the State Board will offer 15 full days of education for assessors in August. Materials for these programs are Exhibit C to this Monthly Report.

Software


As explained in Exhibit A, the State Board is meeting regularly with the primary software vendor in the State to keep the vendor abreast of developments.

Statutory issues

In the First Monthly Report, the State Board identified statutes with which it will be unable to comply under the timetable for promulgating a new assessment rule. During July, the State Board has identified no additional provisions with which it will be unable to comply.

Respectfully submitted,

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